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IN REPLY REFER TO

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Code EV21/JLC  
May 28, 2002

Mr. Steve Scharf  
New York State Department of Environmental Conservation  
Division of Environmental Remediation  
625 Broadway  
Albany, New York 12233-7015

Dear Steve:

Subj: COMMUNITY REQUEST FOR INFORMATION; FORMER NAVAL WEAPONS  
INDUSTRIAL RESERVE PLANT (NWIRP) BETHPAGE, NEW YORK  
NYS REGISTRY: # 1-30-003B

I am forwarding a letter that I received from a local citizen that lives in a community development built on former Northrop Grumman land. The letter is requesting a copy of NYSDEC's ROD that includes information regarding groundwater remediation goals for the Northrop Grumman/NWIRP Bethpage commingled groundwater plume.

This request came as a result of the Navy's public notice regarding the availability for review of the Navy's ROD for groundwater in which I referenced the NYSDEC ROD for information regarding operational, remedial, and enforcement histories. Therefore, since that information is contained in a NYSDEC document, I am forwarding the request to you for your information and/or action.

If you have any questions regarding the enclosed letter, please give me a call at (610) 595-0567, extension 163.

Sincerely,

JAMES L. COLTER  
Remedial Project Manager  
By direction of the  
Commanding Officer

Enclosure: (1) Community Request for Information

Copy to:  
Northrop Grumman, Larry Leskovian  
Northrop Grumman, John Cofman

Alma Fiorey  
133 Apollo Circle  
Bethpage, NY 11714  
(516) 349-0136

May 20, 2002

Engineering Field Activity, Northeast  
Naval Facilities Engineering Command  
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Gentlemen:

I am requesting a copy of the NYSDEC Navy's ROD report, with consultation from the NYSDOH, regarding the remediation goals with respect to groundwater contamination beneath and around the Navy's property.

The Bethpage Community Park has recently been closed due to the fact that contamination was found on the grounds. I live in a co-op that was built on the Grumman property and I, as well as my neighbors, am deeply concerned by this latest event.

At the time of the meeting held on December 13, 2000, we were assured that the report addressed concerns and that the property would be cleaned up. The Apollo development was delayed due to this contamination, and then permits were granted to build the complex.

I am also requesting that you hold another meeting with the community. If a petition is necessary, I will be more than willing to circulate one.

I would appreciate a response as quickly as possible. Many thanks.

Sincerely,



Alma Fiorey  
Board of Director Secretary for Apollo of Bethpage Redevelopment

Copy: Ann Mirto, Board of Director President  
Apollo of Bethpage Redevelopment

Enc. (Public Notice)

## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

### **NAVAL WEAPONS INDUSTRIAL RESERVE PLANT (NWIRP) BETHPAGE, NEW YORK**

#### **DRAFT RECORD OF DECISION OPERABLE UNIT 2 - GROUNDWATER**

This notice is being provided to inform interested parties that the Department of Navy has prepared a Record of Decision (ROD) that is available for review. The purpose of the ROD is to announce a remedy that will attain selected remediation goals with respect to groundwater contamination beneath and around the Navy's property located at the former Naval Weapons Industrial Reserve Plant (NWIRP) Bethpage, New York facility. The ROD discusses a series of remedial actions that will be implemented by the Navy for both on-site groundwater, located beneath NWIRP Bethpage, and off-site groundwater located further downgradient. The Navy's actions that are outlined in this ROD come from a Record of Decision issued in March 2001 by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC), with consultation from the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH), regarding groundwater in the Bethpage vicinity in which the Department of Navy has been named as a Potentially Responsible Party by NYSDEC.

Information regarding Site History, Remedial History and Enforcement History, as well as a description of the extent of groundwater contamination and other alternatives considered, can be found by referring to the NYSDEC ROD which was the subject of a Public Meeting held on December 13, 2000, at the Bethpage High School. NYSDEC's ROD for Groundwater incorporated comments received from the community during a public comment period that ran from October 23, 2000 through December 22, 2000.

A copy of the Navy's ROD has been distributed to the USEPA Region II offices, Nassau County Departments of Health and Public Works as well as to various water district authorities within the region and to members of the Bethpage Restoration Advisory Board (RAB); all of whom have been informed of the Navy's plan and will also be reviewing the document. A copy of the Navy's ROD has also been placed in the Navy's Information Repository located at the Bethpage Public Library, 47 Powell Avenue, Bethpage, 11714. Hours of operation for the Library are Monday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. A copy of NYSDEC's March 2001 Groundwater ROD is also located in the Library. Please note that these copies are for review only and can not be removed from the library.

A 30-day public comment period has been established for review of the Navy's ROD for Groundwater starting on **May 15, 2002** and ending on **June 14, 2002**. All public comments must be returned to the address provided below within the 30-day period. Parties interested in obtaining a copy of this document can write to the address below or call Mr. James Colter at (610) 595-0567, extension 163.

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